

Appln. No. 09/863,088

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II. Remarks

In response to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2003, kindly enter the foregoing amendment and consider the following remarks. In this Amendment, claims 1, 12 and 16 have been amended, and claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, and 22-26 have been cancelled. Thus claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19-21 are pending and are at issue herein. In view of these amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for acknowledging patentable subject matter. Specifically, on page 7 of the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 20 and 21 are allowed, and that claims 10, 11, 14, 15, 18 and 19 are allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 10, have amended claim 12 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 14, and have amended claim 16 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18. For these reasons, all of the independent claims are in condition for allowance and the Applicants respectfully request that all pending claims be favorably considered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the specification is in order and that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Attorney of the Applicants at the earliest convenience of the Examiner.

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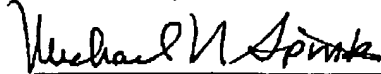
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Applicants have calculated no fees to be presently due in connection with the filing of this Paper. However, Applicants have authorized charging of any fee deficiency to the deposit account of Applicants' assignee, Visteon Global Technologies, Inc., as indicated in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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